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25X1 Cuba-USSR: High-altitude photography analyzed or scanned since the departure of the large passenger ship Admiral Nakhimov from Havana [redacted] [redacted] shows no significant activity by Soviet forces in Cuba.

Photography [redacted] shows that the AAA site about two miles southeast of the reformatory at Torrens has been reoccupied. The site had been unoccupied [redacted] although the six guns remained parked in the area.

[redacted] approximately 100-150 personnel were observed in formation in front of the barracks at the Artemisa camp. The [redacted] flight passed over Artemisa at approximately 0830, and the formation which was observed could have been a routine morning formation. There was no indication that the personnel were preparing to leave the camp. [redacted]

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Yugoslavia: Ambassador Kennan believes that Tito recognizes the vital necessity of preserving a "certain" balance in his relations with East and West.

Tito told Kennan on 14 March that Yugoslavia, as a "socialist state," could not be indifferent toward the Sino-Soviet dispute. Tito described the Chinese position on war and coexistence as literally insane, implying this was the reason Yugoslavia had to support Khrushchev. He also appeared convinced that Khrushchev is genuinely interested in composing differences with the West, and that the latter's anti-Western tone is designed to protect his flank against "Stalinist critics."

Tito assured Kennan that Yugoslavia will not enter into any military pacts with anyone, but did not address himself to the possibility of some "less formal arrangements" of military collaboration with the USSR.

Concerning domestic policy, Kennan found no tendency on Belgrade's part to be guided by Soviet patterns or even to take into account Moscow's views.

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NOTE

South Vietnam: The Viet Cong are continuing their efforts to develop regimental formations. Documents and prisoners captured in February reportedly provide evidence that two regimental headquarters are being formed in the Viet Cong war zones northeast and northwest of Saigon. Three of these skeletal regiments previously have been identified in northern South Vietnam and a fourth reportedly is in the planning stage in the same area.

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